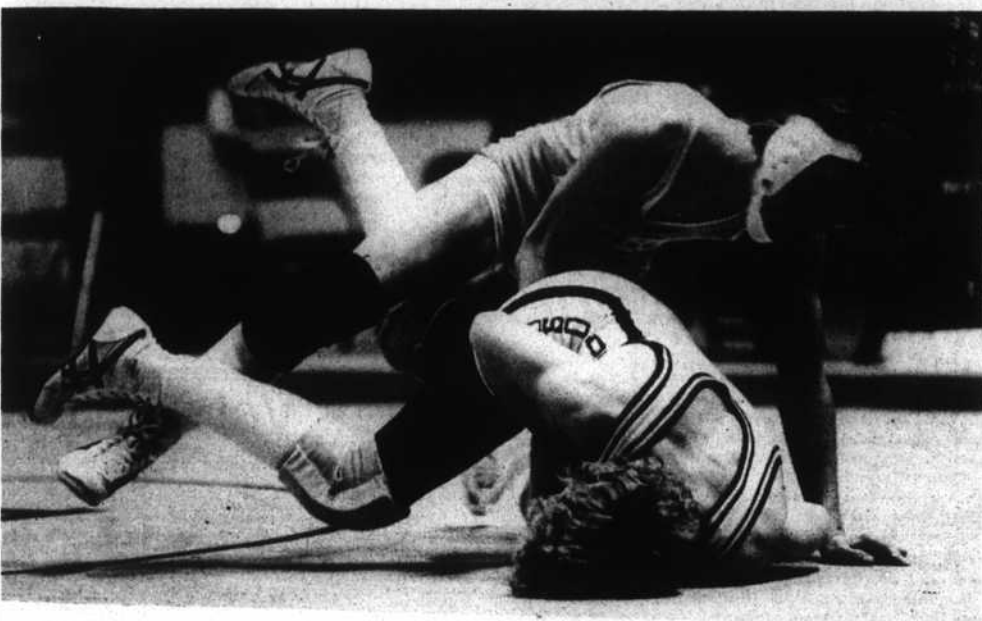
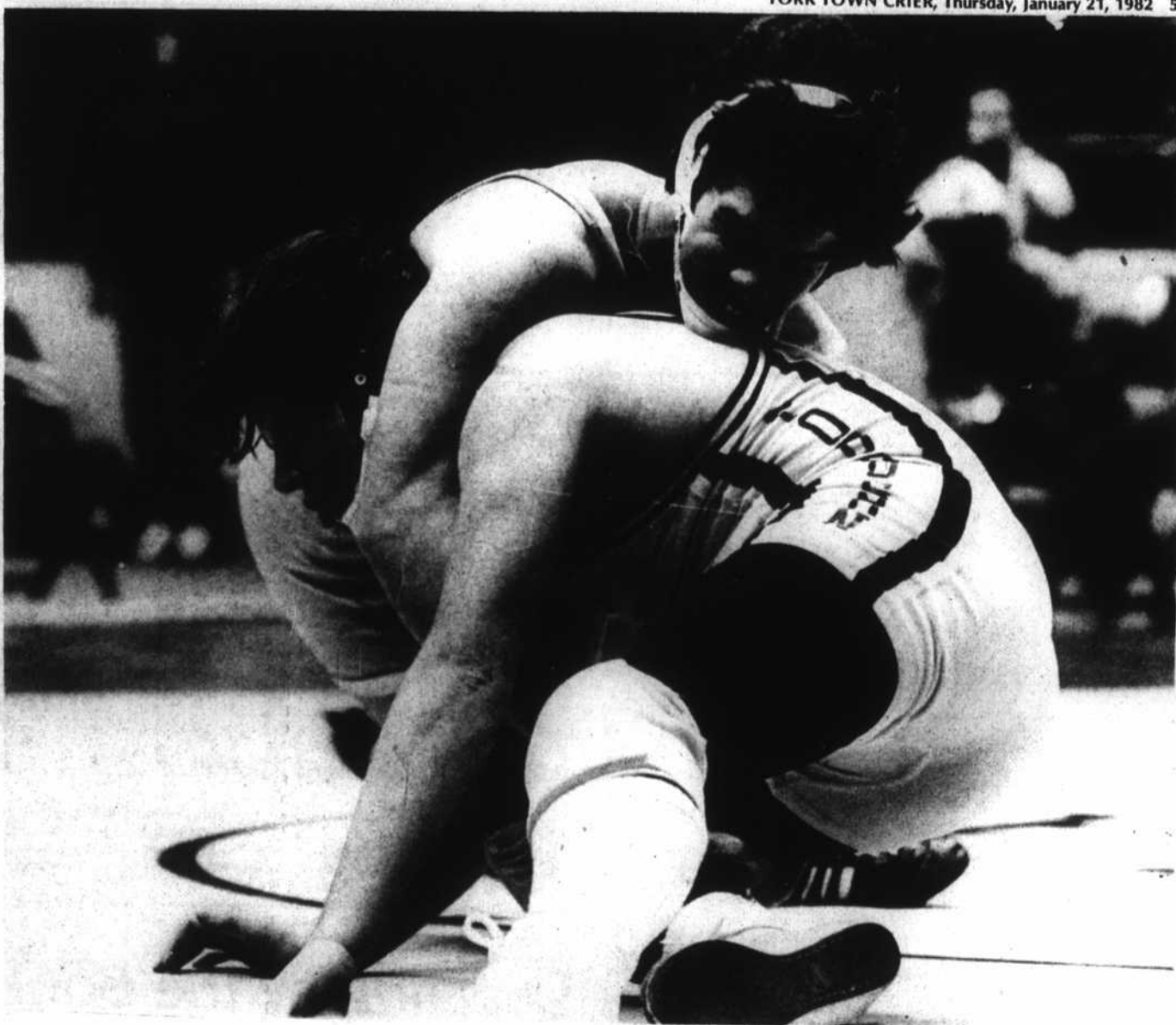


Sports

Going to the mat

Here's a look at how the Poquoson Islanders wrestling team downed Tabb in the Virginia Duals last weekend (see story below). Below: Tabb coach Wayne Eaton reassures Todd Williams, who battled to a 2-2 tie with Poquoson's Miles Zasimowich. Right: Tabb's Rob Carney has the upper hand momentarily, but is ultimately pinned by Poquoson's Wes Mayo. Center left: Cecil Miller of Poquoson on his way to pinning Greg Dorchak of Tabb. Center right: Charlotte Wedding wraps Miller's fingers before match. Bottom left: Tabb's Keith Williams on his way to pinning Poquoson's Steve Garder. Bottom right: Elmer Fisher of Tabb, tournament director, makes a point during match as wife Gloria looks on.



Poquoson moves toward district wrestling title

by M. J. Dougherty

HAMPTON-In a match of York River District wrestling kingpins that featured nine pins, the Poquoson Islanders made strides towards claiming their fourth consecutive district title with a 38-31 victory over the Tabb Tigers. The match took place in the second annual Virginia Duals at the Hampton Coliseum last Friday.

Six of the pins came in the first six matches, and the two teams split them evenly. Poquoson won the first two matches as Lance Woodley pinned "Doobie" Clemmons at 98 and Tom Garner did the same to Scott Taylor at 105 to give the Islanders a 12-0 lead. Pins by Ken Perry over Jeff Berland (112), Keith Williams over Steve Garder (119) and Jeff Williams over Craig Claud

(126) gave Tabb its advantage. Poquoson tied the match 18-18 when Cecil Miller pinned Greg Dorchak at 132.

With the score tied, the middle-weight matches turned the tide in favor of Poquoson. Islander John Graham

grabbed an early 5-0 lead against last year's state runner-up Gary Schilling in the 138-pound match. Graham held on

to edge previously unbeaten Schilling 8-7 and award his team three points for the decision. At 145 Tabb's Todd Wil-

liams and Poquoson's Miles Zasimowich wrestled to a 2-2 draw. Now leading 23-20, the Islanders opened up their lead to 29-20 when Mike Insley took control of a close match and pinned Chuck Hudgins (155).

Poquoson used victories in the next two matches to seal the win. First Steve Geissenger gained a 6-2 decision over Jim Wirth at 167 and the Islanders led 32-20. Then a pin by Wes Mayo over Tom Pastella (176) gave the Islanders an insurmountable 38-20 lead.

Tabb won the last two matches to make the final score 38-31. At 185, a match featuring a pair of wrestlers above 176 pounds, Rob Carney gained a superior decision over Jeff Bookwalter 13-1, cutting the lead to 38-25. Scott Strickland then pinned Robert Logsdon in the heavyweight match.

District basketball race still wide open

by M. J. Dougherty

YORKTOWN-Although York was rated a favorite before the season began, it's anybody's guess as to who will win the 1982 York River District basketball championship.

The results of the Fort Eustis Christmas Tournament were perplexing. Gloucester was the only district team to be victorious in the first round and placed third, the best of any YRD team. The other district teams in the tournament,

York, Tabb and Poquoson, placed fifth, sixth and seventh, respectively.

When district play began, though, the results were opposite to the tournament's. Poquoson made an attempt to jump from worst to first in their game against Gloucester. The Islanders, led by Ron Sperling and Chuck Luigs, turned back the Dukes 56-39.

At the same time Tabb avenged a loss to York at Fort Eustis 61-41. The play of Rusty Phaup and Brian Phillips helped Tabb come back from an 11-point de-

ficit midway in the second quarter.

In non-district action that night West Point edged Bruton 48-47 in double overtime. It was the first action after a long holiday lay-off for the Panthers.

Last Tuesday in non-district competition three of four YRD teams were successful. York trounced Charles City 84-38, Tabb beat New Kent 86-48 and Poquoson trimmed Hampton Roads Academy 51-42. Only Gloucester, a 55-53 overtime loser to arch-rival Matthews failed to win its contest.

Snow played havoc with Friday's schedule. Both games, York at Poquoson and Bruton at Tabb, were postponed due to the poor weather. The games have not as yet been rescheduled.

Barring bad weather, this week's district schedule pits Gloucester at York and Bruton at Poquoson. Tabb plays at Charles City in a non-district contest. With luck these games will give an indication as to who is the team to beat in the YRD.